

Pot 1-2 (3-70)

TOTAL POTATO STOCKS
ON MARCH 1, 1970

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Storage stocks of potatoes held by growers and local dealers in fall producing areas totaled 81.3 million hundredweight on March 1, 1970, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was slightly less than the 81.9 million on hand a year earlier and 6 percent less than the 86.5 million cwt. on hand March 1, 1968. These stocks consist of potatoes held for all uses on March 1.

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Stocks in the eight eastern fall States, at 23.4 million, were 14 percent below last year's holdings. Maine had 19.2 million cwt., compared with 21.8 million cwt. on hand a year earlier. Other eastern areas also had fewer potatoes in storage than a year earlier.

March 1 stocks in the eight central States totaled 15.0 million cwt. this year compared with 16.8 in 1969. The Minnesota-North Dakota total of 10.3 million compares with 11.8 million a year earlier. Michigan stocks were 4 percent above a year ago, but stocks in Wisconsin were 9 percent less than a year earlier.

In the eight western fall States, March 1 holdings were 43.0 million cwt., 13 percent above last year and a record high for March 1. Stocks in Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Utah are above a year earlier, but were lower in Wyoming, Montana, Colorado and California. Idaho, with 25.0 million cwt., had 10 percent more than the March 1, 1969 level of 22.7 million. Washington stocks, at 7.5 million cwt., were up 47 percent, and Oregon was 17 percent above a year ago.

Disappearance from storage during February 1970 of 24.3 million cwt. compares with 23.0 million last year and 26.3 million in February 1968. Disappearance of 1969 fall crop potatoes to March 1 was 152.3 million compared with 138.9 million cwt. from the 1968 crop and 144.8 for the 1967 crop, during comparable periods. Movement to chippers and fresh market outlets during February and movement for the season, as indicated by rail and truck unloads was slightly below comparable periods a year earlier. During February and for the season to March 1, larger quantities were used in the manufacture of food products other than chips (excluding starch and flour) than a year earlier. Processing for flour and starch, both in February and for the season to March 1, was also above year-earlier levels.

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Fall Potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1 and March 1
total stocks, crops of 1959-69 in the Fall States

Year	Production	Total stocks			
		December 1	January 1	February 1	March 1
			following year	following year	following year
			1,000 cwt.		
1959	167,435	118,560	98,640	77,500	58,175
1960	175,071	122,740	103,595	82,670	62,645
1961	204,235	145,020	122,215	96,120	72,960
1962 1/	194,875	135,745	115,770	91,970	70,250
1963	198,195	136,995	115,000	89,300	67,280
1964	174,491	114,550	94,205	73,120	54,535
1965	216,809	147,070	123,460	98,260	74,605
1966	227,787	152,640	127,380	103,040	79,517
1967	231,224	161,710	139,350	112,770	86,465
1968 2/ 3/	220,786	152,800	130,430	104,915	81,900
1969	233,637	156,470	132,790	105,650	81,340

1/ Seasonal groupings effective with 1962: All Idaho and Oregon classified as fall. In Colorado, all areas outside of San Luis Valley classified as late summer and the San Luis Valley as fall.

2/ Revised August 1969 Pot 6(69)

3/ Estimate for Nevada discontinued in 1969; U. S. production and stocks estimates for 1968 adjusted for comparability between these years.

Estimates of Total Resident Population, 50 States July 1, 1963-70

Area	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
	Millions							
Eastern	74.3	75.3	76.4	77.0	77.6	78.5	79.2	
Central	83.6	84.6	85.4	86.4	87.3	87.9	88.7	
Western	30.8	31.5	32.0	32.5	33.0	33.5	34.0	
Total	188.7	191.4	193.8	195.9	197.9	199.9	201.9	1/204.4

1/ Total U.S. resident population for July 1, 1970 based on projection issued by Bureau of the Census.

Source: Current Population Report No. 430, Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce.

POTATOES: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers
and local dealers on March 1, 1969 and March 1, 1970 1/

State	Crop of 1968		Crop of 1969	
	Production	Total Stocks	Production	Total Stocks
		:Mar. 1, 1969		:Mar. 1, 1970
	----- 1,000 cwt. -----			
Maine	36,425	21,800	35,100	19,200
Connecticut	1,254	200	1,215	120
New York				
Long Island	7,340	1,150	6,812	1,100
Upstate	8,342	1,950	8,342	1,350
Pennsylvania	7,585	1,600	7,810	1,350
Other States 2/.....	2,811	310	2,706	240
8 Eastern	63,757	27,010	61,985	23,360
Michigan	6,525	1,750	6,744	1,820
Wisconsin	8,855	2,300	8,880	2,100
Minnesota	12,180	4,750	13,500	5,000
North Dakota	15,660	7,000	15,400	5,300
Nebraska	1,820	550	1,794	530
Other States 2/	4,567	400	3,882	260
8 Central	49,607	16,750	50,200	15,010
Montana	1,498	1,130	1,388	950
Idaho	59,505	22,700	67,000	25,000
Wyoming	608	130	578	90
Colorado	8,280	3,300	8,695	3,150
Utah	1,072	180	1,332	230
Washington	16,185	5,100	21,420	7,500
Oregon	12,008	3,000	13,115	3,500
California	8,266	2,600	7,924	2,550
8 Western 3/.....	107,422	38,140	121,452	42,970
Total 24 Fall States 3/ :	220,786	81,900	233,637	81,340

1/ Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date."

2/ Eastern - New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

Central - Ohio, Indiana, and South Dakota.

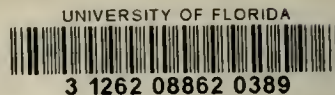
3/ Estimates for Nevada discontinued in 1969; U. S. production and stocks estimates for 1968 adjusted for comparability between the two years.

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